

26. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
ROGERS OF MICHIGAN, OR HIS
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2601, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ROGERS OF MICHIGAN**

Page 312, after line 8, insert the following new section:

**1 SEC. 1110A. STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING MANAGE-
2 MENT AUTHORITY OVER THE GREAT LAKES.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The water resources of the Great Lakes
5 Basin are precious public natural resources, shared
6 and held in trust by the Great Lakes States of Illi-
7 nois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York,
8 Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, and by the Ca-
9 nadian Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

10 (2) Authority over the Great Lakes is vested in
11 the Governors of the Great Lakes States by the
12 Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Public
13 Law 99-662).

14 (3) Section 1109(b)(2) of the Water Resources
15 Development Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 1962d-
16 20(b)(2)) encourages the Great Lakes States, in
17 consultation with the Canadian Provinces of Ontario
18 and Quebec, to develop and implement a mechanism
19 that provides a common conservation standard em-



1 bodying the principles of water conservation and re-
2 source improvement for making decisions concerning
3 the withdrawal and use of water from the Great
4 Lakes Basin.

5 (4) Section 1109(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1962d-20(d)) requires the approval of the Governor
7 of each of the Great Lakes States prior to the diver-
8 sion or export of Great Lakes water.

9 (5) The Great Lakes Charter of 1985 is a vol-
10 untary international agreement that provides the
11 procedural framework for prior notice and consulta-
12 tion by the Great Lakes States and the Canadian
13 Provinces of Ontario and Quebec concerning the
14 withdrawal of water from the Great Lakes Basin.

15 (6) Whereas the Council of Great Lakes Gov-
16 ernors and Premiers has drafted amendments to the
17 Great Lakes Charter of 1985, known as "Annex
18 2001".

19 (7) One of the primary purposes of Annex 2001
20 is to strengthen the authority of Great Lakes Gov-
21 ernors and Premiers to make decisions concerning
22 proposals to divert or export Great Lakes water by
23 establishing a common conservation standard by
24 which such decisions will be made.



1 (8) The final commitments proposed in Annex
2 2001 to affirm in-basin authority by way of enacting
3 a basin-States compact and a cross-border accord
4 with the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec will be
5 presented to Congress for final approval.

6 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—Congress—

7 (1) recognizes and affirms the efforts of the
8 Great Lakes Governors and Premiers in developing
9 a common standard for decisions relating to the
10 withdrawal of water from the Great Lakes that lead
11 to improvement of this binational resource; and

12 (2) urges that the management authority over
13 the waters of the Great Lakes should remain vested
14 with the Governors and Premiers of the eight Great
15 Lakes States and two Great Lakes Provinces that
16 share stewardship over this vast and valuable nat-
17 ural resource.

